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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Philippe CROS et al.

Application No.: 08/945,731

Filed: November 10, 1997

Docket No.: WPB 40330

For: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing, pages 27-30 and renumber the subsequent pages. Additionally, please add the enclosed computer readable copy of the attached Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-18 as follow:

Claim 1, line 4, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--;

line 5, delete "so-called";

line 18, delete "so-called";

line 22, delete "so-called";

line 30, delete "so-called"; and